

of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Neil Harvey MacBride, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 6296–6324; 1 private bill, H.R. 6325; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65; and H. Res. 857, were introduced. **Pages H7831–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7833–34**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7829**

Announcement by the Chair: The Chair informed the House that, pursuant to House Resolution 851, the Speaker has certified to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia the refusal of Mark Randall Meadows to appear for a deposition before the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol as directed by subpoena. **Page H7830**

Senate Referrals: S. 1404 was held at the desk. S. 1097 was held at the desk. S. 1543 was held at the desk. **Pages H7829–30**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7829–30.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: PROTECTING SMITHSONIAN FACILITIES AND COLLECTIONS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Smithsonian Institution: Protecting Smithsonian Facilities and Collections Against Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Bechtol, Facilities Director, Smithsonian Institution; Cathy Helm, Inspector General, Smithsonian Institution; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on defending Ukraine and deterring Putin from Michael H. Cecire, United States Helsinki Commission; Andrew Bowen, Analyst in Russian and European Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Lee, Kings College London, and Maryna Vorotnyuk, Royal United Services Institute, both of London, United Kingdom; and Katsiaryna Shmatsina, European Values Center for Security Policy, Prague, Czech Republic.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1378)

H.R. 5142, to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai

International Airport. Signed on December 16, 2021. (Public Law 117–72)

S.J. Res. 33, joint resolution relating to increasing the debt limit. Signed on December 16, 2021. (Public Law 117–73)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 17, 2021**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on House Administration, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth and Webex.